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In the recent election Missouri was the fifth state in the size of its republican vote, which is a gain of two points compared with the returns of 1904. Republican Missouri is here and the continued growth of the party will place it far in the lead as well as confer immense benefit upon the state in a commercial way.

The total annual mortality from accidents in the United States among wage earning men is between 30,000 and 35,000, of which at least one-third and perhaps one-half should be saved by intelligent and rational methods of factory inspection, legislation and control. There were also approximately 2,000,000 accidents that were not fatal curtailing the normal longevity among those exposed to often needless risk of industrial vocations. The conclusions are announced in a bulletin of the bureau of labor just issued.

THE forthcoming revision of the tariff, in the opinion of the experts will mark the beginning of the end of high protection in the United States. There will still be protection, but the high water mark has been reached, in the present law, for excessive duties. Beginning with the law that will be enacted at the special session of congress to be called next March, the republican party will stand by the principle now embodied in the national platform, of a tariff that will meet the difference between the cost of manufacture at home and abroad, and provide a reasonable profit for the American manufacturer.

CORN producers in all sections of the country have good ground for hoping that a ready market will be provided in the not distant future for the surplus stalks grown on their farms. Officials of the department of agriculture are wholly convinced that the manufacture of all grades of paper from cornstalks is both possible and practicable. The one drawback seems to be a question whether a by-product of a molasses nature will find a ready market as a feed for live stock. According to department officials, this by-product should sell for 2 cents a pound. At this rate it would pay all the cost of manufacture up to the point where the pulp is taken out of the digester. The exact value of this by product as a feed for stock has not yet been finally determined, but the bureau of chemistry is now making tests with that end in view. Meanwhile, it may be said that similar products are now being largely used in some southern states and have been for some time past. There seems to be good reason for believing that markets will be readily found for this by-product of cornstalks if the manufacture of paper from them is undertaken commercially.

Turn About

In 1905 Governor Folk began his administration with a legislative branch of the government divided between the two parties, and with the party other than his own in control on joint ballot. When the "interests," through the lobby and the politicians, tried to take advantage of this condition and "play politics against the governor, Herbert S. Hadley, as the official republican leader, stood firmly by the democratic executive and counseled his party to legislate in the interest of Missouri.

Now, in 1909, Herbert S. Hadley, as the incoming governor

faces an exactly similar situation with reference to the general assembly that Governor Folk had to deal with. The governor-elect gave fair play to the other political party and to his state in that earlier time. He has entered the present situation by being fair to democrats whose seats are or may be contested. He is entitled now to a square deal in return. There should be no "playing politics" to defeat his services.

Besides, no people's representative could play politics against the proper measures that the new governor may advocate and not hurt himself more than he can injure Hadley.—Kansas City Times.

Aiding the Distressed

Although depressing news continues to come from stricken Sicily, a bright and uplifting light is thrown upon the calamity by the widespread offers of help and sympathy among the civilized nations of the earth. The course of President Roosevelt in asking for congressional aid to the amount of \$500,000, and the appropriation by congress of \$800,000 for the purpose, will be commended by every good American citizen. The president was prompt to recognize the emergency, and even before he had been formally authorized to do so he had made the preliminary arrangements to use some of the vessels and supplies of the navy for the relief of the suffering refugees. His action was not only approved by congress, but he was given even more money than he had asked for and the entire fleet of battleships now en route to Sicily was placed at his disposal.

The United States enjoys abundant prosperity. We have been engaged in making a demonstration of our prowess and our naval resources to the nations of the world. It comes as entirely fitting that we should contribute to the cause of humanity on that side of the world when a great and terrible calamity strikes. The promptness and generosity of our assistance will appeal to all peoples as proof that we are as deeply sympathetic in peace as we are strong in war.

It is probable that more money will be raised in the United States for the relief of the suffering in Sicily than in any other country, with the possible exception of Italy. In this country there are millions of Italians who will help swell the total of benefactions. Here in Kansas City much is being done by way of raising money, and especially among the Italians and Greeks there are many instances of splendid self-sacrifice in order that help may be given more abundantly.—Kansas City Journal.

Less Beer Inspected

Fees for inspecting the beer sold in this state for the year 1908 amounted to \$411,529.20 according to the report of State Beer Inspector Ernest Marshall recently filed with the state treasurer.

There was a falling off of \$17,000 in these fees as compared with 1907, the total for that year being \$428,809.73. For 1906 the fees amounted to \$402,062.41; for 1905, \$375,072.37; 1904, \$397,371.68.

The total fees for the month of December, 1908, amounted to \$29,192.13, against \$29,536.71 for the month of November.

The collections of the state insurance department amounted to \$57,256.41 being about \$4,000 less than in 1907. This is accounted for by the fact that the fees of the Metropolitan, Prudential and Equitable Life companies are held up pending the decision of the supreme court on the right of the insurance department to license them to do business in the state because they pay their presidents more than \$50,000 annual salary.

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITOL

Our Special Correspondent Writes Entertainingly of Things at Washington.

New Year's day at the national capital this year was marked by the usual festivities and a fine, bracing temperature with sunshine contributed to the making of the gayest of all the days of the year. The president, to whom it means about fifteen hours of hard work, held his usual public reception and as this will be the last opportunity for the ordinary citizen to shake hands with Mr. Roosevelt in the White House the number who stood in line to be "received" this year was unusually large. Even two hours before time the line had begun to form at the White House and by one o'clock, when the public reception began, it extended for several blocks. It was the average good-humored crowd that gathered, though, and during the weary, cold hours which it waited patiently to be admitted and shoved by the chief executive, there was no sign of disturbance or discontent.

The president seemed in high spirits and though it requires remarkable unflinching good humor and tact in dealing with this yearly throng, he seemed on this occasion to be supplied with an added amount of enthusiasm and the heartiness with which he grasped the hand of each visitor made it impossible to believe that he was not, as he said, "dee-lighted" to greet each and every one of them. There were many excursionists from other cities and towns who had come for the purpose of taking this, their last opportunity to shake his hand.

At eleven o'clock the president and Mrs. Roosevelt and their debutante daughter joined the receiving party in the blue room and the cabinet officials and foreign diplomats, army and navy officers and a sprinkling of senators and representatives were welcomed. There were several interesting figures among the diplomatic corps and when Baron Mayer des Planches, the Italian ambassador, came forward, the president retained his hand while he expressed his heartfelt sympathy for the king and queen of Italy in the terrible disaster in their country. The baron in reply thanked the president for the generous action of the government in sending a supply ship to the stricken district.

At last year's reception Baron von Sternberg, the German ambassador, was dean of the corps and led the brilliant procession of diplomats. His place was taken this year by his successor, Count Bernstorff, who, as the latest addition to the corps, was the last to greet the president, and his wife, who is an attractive American woman, made her first entrance in the White House.

Another interesting figure was that of the Chinese envoy, Prince Tang Shao Yi, who came here a few weeks ago with a large suite to present the thanks of the Chinese government for the return of the surplus Boxer indemnity fund and incidentally, it is said, to make an effort to effect a treaty between the two countries. He is a big, handsome Chinaman of distinguished manners and most gorgeous costumes.

At one o'clock the ladies of the cabinet and the wives of the prominent officials, with Mrs. Fairbanks and Miss Cannon, the daughter of the speaker, hurried away to their homes to prepare for their own receptions, which began at two o'clock and continued throughout the afternoon. Then the public was admitted to the White House and until three o'clock, without

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rest or intermission, the president greeted those who had waited since early morning for admittance. When at last the doors were closed the line of disappointed ones who were turned away was still more than a block in length. This concluded the largest and the last of the president's New Year's receptions during a seven years' administration. He entertained a large number at luncheon and again in the evening welcomed a number of his personal friends and officials at dinner, managing sometime in the interim between luncheon and dinner to get in a sharp ride on horseback through the park.

The earthquake horror in Italy which has stirred the sympathy of the civilized world is being discussed everywhere at the capital and already substantial aid is being extended to the sufferers in that stricken region. The navy department has assumed authority for sending out the Christmas ship which was to meet our fleet in the Red sea, and the Red Cross society with its headquarters here has sent \$50,000. The president has made a contribution from his own purse and the citizens of the capital are responding liberally to a public plea made by the Italian ambassador for relief funds. It is probable that congress will act immediately upon its reassembling January 4, making a liberal appropriation for the same purpose. Never in history has there been such a holocaust and the American people, probably the most lavish in their charity of any nation on the globe, have had their finest altruism stirred to practical action by the reports from the ill-starred quarter. Ninety thousand dollars have already been cabled from New York and this is but the beginning of generosity.

The investigation of the methods of the secret service begun by congress promises to be one of the excitements after the convening of that body and the matter gains in interest by the reports that the president himself will be called upon for testimony. A republican leader of the senate is authority for the statement that such an unusual occurrence will actually take place.

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